Ramnagar, Nowshera, Kalakot, Surankot, Mendhar and Billawar Tehsil of Jammu Province under the Okaf Act, 1978;

(e) whether Government propose to appoint Wakf Committees to manage Wakf Properties in Tehsils in which no Wakf Committee has so far been appointed; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Complaints against Chairman OKAF, RESI, J and K

3510. SHRI SHABBIR AHMED SALARIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any complaints of corruption and nepotism against the Chairman Okaf, Reasi (J and K);

(b) if so, what action is being taken in the matter;

(c) whether there are some complaints against members of Wakf Committee Basohli that they are not worthy of being members of the Committee, if so, the action taken against members; and

(d) the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rehabilitation of disabled persons

3511. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of physically disabled persons to the total population of the country, with rural, urban breakup;

(b) the details of the schemes formulated for the rehabilitation of disabled persons;

(c) whether they have been provided with special employment benefits to enable them to live a dignified life; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) According to the National Sample Survery Organisation Survey Report (1981) 1.8 per cent of the total population suffer from visual, speech, hearing and locomotor disabilities. 81 per cent of the handicapped are in rural areas and 19 per cent in urban areas. This does not include incidence of mental retardation.

(b) to (d) A Statement is laid on Table of the House. (*See* below).

STATEMENT

The primary responsibility for the welfare and upliftment of the handicapped rests with the State Governments. However, in its coordinating and pace-setting role, the Centre has been assisting the State Governments as well as the voluntary organisations in programmes designed for rehabilitation of the handicapped. The Central Government has set up the following 4 National Institutes as apex level organisations in their respective areas of disability:—

(1) National Institute for the Visually handicapped, Dehradun.

(2) National Institute for the Orthopaedically handicapped, Calcutta.

(3) Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped, Bombay.

(4) National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped, Secundrabad.